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SUBJECT: U.S. TUNISIAN JOINT COMMISSION MEETING; CULTURAL
EXCHANGE

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1. REFTEL STATES WASHINGTON WILL PREPARE BACKGROUND PAPER ON CULTURAL EXCHANGE FOR OCTOBER MEETING OF U.S.- TUNISIAN JOINT COMMISSION. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, THIS PROGRAM WAS DOUBLED IN FY-76 AND INCREASE WAS ANNOUNCED AT LAST JOINT COMMISSION MEETING. PROGRAM HATLOONVE VERY WELL SINCE THEN, AND WE SHOULD HAVE SOME VERY POSITIVE THINGS TO SAY AT JOINT COMMISSION.

2. HOWEVER, AS DEPARTMENT ALSO AWARE, THERE WERE INORDINATE DELAYS LAST YEAR IN GETTING OUR IV LIST THROUGH THE FOREIGN MINISTRY AND PRIME MINISTRY. WE WOULD LIKE TO SUBMIT YOUR FY-77 LIST TO FOREIGN MINISTRY WELL BEFORE JOINT COMMISSION MEETING, SO THAT WE MAY REMIND TUNISIANS WHEN THEY ARE IN WASHINGTON OF IMPORTANCE SPEEDING LIST THROUGH THEIR BUREAUCRACY. WE WOULD LIKE TO SUBMIT OUR LIST IN NEXT FEW DAYS, AND UNLESS WE HEAR OTHERWISE FROM DEPARTMENT, WILL SUBMIT 16 NAMES ON BASIS A-4156 OF AUGUST 27, WHICH APPROVES COUNTRY PROGRAM PROPOSAL (WITH SOME EXCEPTIONS), AND ON BASIS OF UNCLASSIFIED

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OF IV GRANTS WOULD BE MAINTAINED IN SUBSEQUENT FISCAL
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